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HEY, MY NAME'S ***ANDY MAGUIRE.*** AND THAT'S ME, AND THIS IS MY LIFE.

SEE, MY HIGH SCHOOL TOOK A FIELD TRIP TO ***HORIZON LABS***, THIS NERD THINK TANK BACK HOME IN NEW YORK. ONE OF THE NERDS, SOME TIGHT-WAD NAMED ***PETER PARKER***, RAN AN EXPERIMENT.

IT WENT WRONG, I GOT CAUGHT UP IN IT AND ***BOOM!*** I HAD ***SUPER-POWERS.***

I WAS A ***SUPER HERO.*** THEY CALLED ME ***"ALPHA."*** PRETTY AWESOME, RIGHT?

I COULD ONLY USE ***ONE*** POWER AT A ***TIME***, BUT WHATEVER, I WAS ***FAMOUS!*** I HAD ***MONEY***, AND ***FRIENDS***, AND ***EVERYTHING!***

SO PARKER AND SPIDER-MAN SHUT MY POWERS DOWN. MY MOM LEFT MY DAD AND WE MOVED TO MY GRANDMA'S IN PITTSBURGH.

NOW I'M THE LEAST POPULAR KID IN SCHOOL, SURROUNDED BY ***DUNCAN KILGORE*** AND ***SUSAN "SOUPCAN" RICE***, THE ONLY KIDS LAME ENOUGH TO SIT NEAR ME.

THEN PARKER DECIDED TO HELP TURN MY POWERS BACK "***ON***"--HE'S LIKE AN ENTIRELY ***DIFFERENT*** PERSON NOW-- AND I'M BACK IN THE SUPER HERO-ING GAME! COOL, RIGHT?

SO I WAS SAVING THIS GIRL FROM A MUGGER, THREW ONE PUNCH AND... WELL...THE GUY'S IN THE HOSPITAL.

I CAN'T REALLY TALK TO ANYONE ABOUT IT. SOUPCAN TRIED TO BE ***NICE*** TO ME, I CHEWED HER OUT.

ANYONE IN PITTSBURGH WHO ***DOES*** ACKNOWLEDGE ME JUST WANTS ALPHA TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE RASH OF ARSONS.

..SO I TALKED TO THE MUGGER GUY. IN THE E.R. HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS, AND I POURED MY HEART OUT.

THEN HE WOKE UP. AND HE WASN'T TOO HAPPY.

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

SO--I'VE HAD MY POWERS BACK FOR, LIKE, FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

IN THAT TIME, I'VE MANAGED TO DO ALL SORTS OF GOOD STUFF...

I SAVED A *BUNCH* OF PEOPLE AND FOUGHT A TOTALLY BITCHIN' *STEEL* MONSTER AND...

ALMOST KILLED A GUY.

LEGGO!

YOU DID THIS TO ME!

THE GUY WHO'S CURRENTLY HOLDING ON SO TIGHT HE MIGHT BREAK MY ARM--

I SAID LET GO!

I'M SORRY, OKAY?

UNGH...

I'M JUST... SORRY!

WHAT THE *HELL* IS GOING ON--

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--IN HERE?

LATER.

KRAAAAAAAOOOOOOM

HOW DID YOU *NOT* HEAR THAT?

I HEARD IT. I JUST...DON'T CARE.

AH, *DISAFFECTED YOUTH.*

LEAVE ME *ALONE*, DUDE.

YOUNG MAN, I'M *SUPPOSED* TO BE KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU.

SO I'M *KEEPING* AN *EYE* ON YOU.

I DON'T *WANT* MY POWERS ANYMORE.

ANDY...

NO. I MEAN IT. THIS *SUCKS.*

POWERS SUCK, SPIDER-MAN. THEY'VE RUINED MY LIFE *MULTIPLE* TIMES--

HEY, HOLD ON...

...DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT PEOPLE WOULD DO TO HAVE *YOUR* POWER?

SOME OF US, THOSE OF US *NOT* LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET POWERS THAT DON'T *DISFIGURE* AND *DESTROY* US--

WHOA, ARE YOU ALL *UGLY* AND *GROSS* UNDER THERE?

NO! I'M EXTREMELY HANDSOME.

MY POINT, ANDREW, IS THAT YOU'RE EXTREMELY LUCKY, AND YOU'RE *MORE* THAN CAPABLE OF HANDLING WHATEVER LIFE *THROWS* AT YOU.

...THANKS.

OF COURSE.

NOW, I NEED YOU FOR SOME *URGENT* AVENGERS BUSINESS.

REALLY?

SOON...

SO, UH, I'M JUST GOING TO, LIKE, STAND HERE ALL DAY HOLDING A FOUR TON BOULDER.

AND, Y'KNOW, NOT HIT ANYTHING?

QUIET! NOT ALL AVENGERS BUSINESS INVOLVES PUNCHING.

SOONER...

TELL YOUR MOTHER I SAID "HELLO."

YES.

SHE STILL SINGLE?

YES.

SHAME.

HEY, MOM.

UH-HUH.

UH-HUH.

GOING TO SLEEP.

ACROSS TOWN. EAT-A-LOT.

JINGLE-JINGLE

SIGH.

ANOTHER *DULL* NIGHT IN THE *DULLEST* CITY'S *DULLEST* HIGH-CHOLESTEROL EMPORIUM.

SUSAN, CALL THE COPS! THE PLACE NEXT DOOR IS ON FIRE--

I CHANGED MY MIND, GO BACK TO DULL!

HELP!

HELP!

HELP!

HELP!

HELP!

HELP!

SUSIE...

SHE'S IN TROUBLE...I... THINK...

HELP!

HELP!

SUSAN, ARE YOU OKAY?

ANDY? I...

COOL.

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK. I PROMISE.

"TWO FIRES IN TWO NIGHTS..."

AND *BIG* ONES.

YEAH...THERE'S *A LOT* OF THAT AROUND *HERE*.

WELL, Y'KNOW, *I'M HERE*, SO I'LL *STOP* THAT.

KID, THIS *ISN'T* NEW YORK. YOU DON'T KNOW *WHO* YOU'RE MESSING WITH.

UH, DUDE, NEW YORK HAS LIKE *THREE* SUPER VILLAINS FOR *EVERY* PERSON.

I'LL TAKE *SUPER VILLAINS* OVER WHAT WE HAVE ANY DAY.

ANYWAYS, THANKS FOR HELPING OUT, *GRAVITY!*

MY NAME IS...

HEY, *ALPHA!*

YEAH?

THANK YOU.

THAT WAS REALLY COOL.

NO PROBLEM, UH, CITIZEN--

ANDY, C'MON--

YOU'RE RIGHT, SUSIE! IT'S ME! ANDY!

FIRST OFF, MY NAME IS *SOUPCAN*. CALL ME *SOUPCAN*. *SUSAN* IS MY *SLAVE* NAME.

SECONDLY, OF COURSE IT'S YOU. IS ALPHA SUPPOSED TO BE... LIKE, A SECRET IDENTITY?

I MEAN, I'VE GOT A MASK, THE COSTUME IS, LIKE, *MOSTLY* DIFFERENT.

DUDE, YOU'RE A *MORON.*

EAT A LOT

THANKS FOR SAVING ME. REALLY *COOL* OF YOU.

WAIT, HOLD ON--

WHAT ARE YOU--

NOW THAT YOU KNOW MY *SECRET--*

ANYONE WITH *EYES* KNOWS YOUR *SECRET--*

WE HAVE A SPECIAL *BOND.*

UGH.

UGH?

I'M *NOT* GOING TO BECOME YOUR *GIRLFRIEND*, MAN. YOU'RE...*CUTE* ENOUGH, BUT, I MEAN...

THE WHOLE *SUPER HERO* THING... IT'S JUST--

UGH?

YEAH.

HORIZON LABS
NEW YORK CITY, TWO DAYS LATER

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SO, YOU SAW THE FIRE FROM WHERE, ANDY?

I WAS IN MY HOUSE, MR. PARKER, HEADING TO BED AND I JUST...

SENSED IT.

SUPER-SENSES. INTERESTING.

TELL ME WHAT YOU CAN SEE.

UH... I SEE YOU.

WAIT.

I SEE... INSIDE YOU--

OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH.

WELL, AS WITH ALL OF YOUR POWERS, THESE WILL LIKELY BECOME STRONGER IN TIME. THEY SHOULD SERVE AS ANOTHER WEAPON IN YOUR ARSENAL.

WHICH IS ALREADY PLENTIFUL.

SO THAT'S IT?

NO...INSPIRING SPEECH? I COULD USE SOME HELP.

...

ANDY, YOU CAN'T KEEP COMING TO ME WITH EVERY LITTLE PROBLEM.

YOU'RE A BIG BOY.

"ACT LIKE IT."

STUPID PETER PARKER. STUPID SPIDER-MAN. STUPID...

ME. SIGH.

OKAY, FINE, SENSES. LET'S SEE HOW SUPER YOU ARE.

GAAAAAAHHHHH!

OH GOD OH GOD OH GOD--

I...CAN HEAR... EVERYTHING!

NOT FIGURATIVELY.

HOW... I...

...SO MANY PEOPLE... SUFFERING.

DEAD. I CAN'T--

--WHY--WHY WOULD I--

--HOW?!

I CAN'T DO THIS! I CAN'T SAVE THEM! ANY OF THEM! ALL DEAD!

ALL! DEAD!

YEAH, I DUNNO.

I MEAN, HE'S KIND OF CUTE, BUT HE'S GOT THIS WHOLE STUPID SUPER HERO ACT IN HIS HEAD.

BUT IF HE JUST TRIED TALKING TO ME LIKE A FREAKIN' PERSON--

I--

SOUPCAN LIKES ME!

A GIRL LIKES ME FOR ME!

SORT OF!

I DUNNO. HE'S JUST SO CLUELESS.

YEAH, IT'S KINDA CUTE, I GUESS.

NOPE

WHOOOOOOOSH

NAH, JUST A TRUCK GOING BY OR SOMETHING.

NOPE

"I CAN'T BELIEVE I THOUGHT THIS WAS A *BAD* THING!

"I MEAN, I'M LIKE *SUPER-AWESOME*, GOT AN *ALMOST SUPER-AWESOME GIRLFRIEND*, AND TOTALLY *DIDN'T* KILL ANYBODY!"

OR, Y'KNOW, *YOU*. HOW YOU DOING ANYWAYS?

ANY MORE *WEIRD* VOCAL OUTBURSTS ABOUT *REVENGE?*

NO?

WELL, LOOK MAN, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DOING *BETTER*.

AND *I'M* COMPLETELY ACES, SO, COOL ON *US!*

SEE YOU TOMORROW.

ALPHAAA...

ALLLPPPHHAAAA...

ALLPPHHAAAAAAA!

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

HEY! WHAT THE HE--

ACK!

ALLPPHHAAAAAAAA!

ALLLPPPHHHAAAAAAA

"THANKS, ALPHA!"

THAT'S MY NAME, PUTTING OUT FIRES' IS THE GAME!

THERE IS AN INORDINATE NUMBER OF FIRES IN THIS CITY.

THIS IS THE BOY WHO'S PUT OUT *THREE* OF THE FIRES AND STOPPED THE *MONSTERS* FROM WRECKING THE *FACTORY?*

YES, SIR.

YOU KNOW WHAT *GIANT ELEMENTAL MONSTERS* COST THESE DAYS?

A *LOT*, SIR.

AND WE KNOW HIS *NAME* HOW?

HE WAS ON TV CONSTANTLY FOR A *MONTH.*

I'M TALKING *KARDASHIAN-LEVEL* IRRITATING.

WELL, LET'S GO AND *WELCOME* HIM TO TOWN. HE'S A "*HERO.*" WE KNOW WHAT WE DO TO *HEROES*, YES, YOSSEL?

WHAT, SIR?

WE GO INTO THEIR HOME, WE SAY HELLO.

AND WE MURDER *EVERY SINGLE PERSON* THEY CARE ABOUT.

AND THEN, *BEST* OF ALL...

"...WE MAKE THEM *WATCH.*"

EVERYTHING'S COMING UP **ALPHA!**

TO BE CONTINUED!

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Hey Folks!

Joshua Fialkov here. Tom Brennan was GOING to answer these, but, he got into yet another push-up contest with Wacker, and the two of them have been going at it for days now. I'm sure one of them'll manage to do one sooner or later.

So--On to the mail!

Dear Team Alpha--

Fialkov is one of the few writers in my "buy everything they do" category. And oh wow. It's only been one issue of Alpha, but I'm sold. No matter how this series plays out, get this man writing on a regular series. Alpha is great, and I would love to see him in his own series, but I honestly think Fialkov could make just about anything great. I hope you guys give him some more work after the Alpha mini is over!!

Matt

Thank you so much, Matt. I think by the time you're reading this, your dreams will all have come true. I AM doing more work for the Merry Marvel Marauders in a few months! Want a hint? It rhymes with "Bultimates."

Hey Guys,

When I was first introduced to the Alpha character I was a little turned off. Now after reading Alpha Big Time I've started to get a better feel for the character. I'm especially interested in seeing how the morally questionable Doctor Octopus is going to come into play (Even though I sincerely miss Peter). I was very skeptical about purchasing this book, but I was surprisingly pleased with the result. Thanks and keep it up!

Nathan George
McMinnville, TN

Glad we managed to turn you around. Those gorgeous Humberto Ramos covers really helped right? And yes, more of Spotto-man to come!

Spectaular Spider-Office -

Alpha Big Time wasn't what I expected but, this was only the first issue so how much could I expect? I kid, I kid! It was fun to read and I can't wait to see how the relationship between Andy and Peter/Otto develops.

After reading ASM #694 I had the crazy idea that Alpha would become an alpha level villain. Spending his time battling the likes of Galactus, Emperor Vulcan and Ultron for supremacy of the universe! One can dream, can't he?

I hope everyone involved at Marvel enjoyed creating Alpha. I look forward to the next issue!

Jason J. Wilson

I'd LOVE to see Alpha take a bigger role in the Marvel Universe, and, from what I hear, we might be getting to see some more of that soon! And, working on this book is the most fun I have month in and month out, and I know Nuno feels the same way. Tom Brennan, however, claims that he only really likes books about D-Man. Can you blame him?

Hey, everyone working on Alpha!

Just writing in to say Hi and ask a few questions, so here we go!

1. Can we expect to see any Spidey-supporting cast in the book? Like J Jonah Jameson, or everyone's favourite Hawaiin shirt wearing scientist (and probably the only one) , Grady Scraps?

2. Will we see Spidey in costume, working with Andy?

3. will we get to see Andy's mysterious Grandma?

And finally, and obviously the most important question of all:

4. If Andy Maguire was a fruit, what would he be?

So, I look forward to reading the rest of this series and hope Andy acts like less of a jerk by the end!

Harry Ballentyne,
Jolly Old England!

1. Well, we did see the receptionist from Horizon labs! That counts, right?

2. I am writing you from the future, so I can tell you, YES. IT ALREADY HAPPENED.

3. I am STILL writing you from the future, so I can tell you, YES. IT ALREADY HAPPENED.

4. One of those prickly pears?

And, while I don't know that he'll be less of a jerk, hopefully, you'll understand WHY he's such a jerk.

We'll see you guys back here in thirty days for ALPHA #4 featuring THE MIGHTY THOR, and a totally new super villain or two (one of which is Pittsburgh Themed! Go Pens!)

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Los Angeles, CA

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BUDDY COMEDY!

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